



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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DEC 22 2006

John Tsarpalas
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Illinois Republican Party
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RE: MUR 5718
Citizens for Giannoulas
Demetris Giannoulas, in his official
capacity as Treasurer
Alexander Giannoulas
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr.

Dear Mr. Tsarpalas:

On March 22, 2006, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint dated March 15, 2006, and found that, on the basis of the information provided in your complaint and information provided by respondents, there is no reason to believe that Citizens for Giannoulas and Demetris Giannoulas in his official capacity as Treasurer (the "Committee") and Alexander Giannoulas violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by financing electioneering communications with non-federal funds or that Senator Barack Obama violated the Act by accepting excessive or prohibited in-kind contributions. In addition, the Commission dismissed, as a matter of prosecutorial discretion, *see Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821 (1985), the allegation that the Committee and Alexander Giannoulas made, and that Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. received, an in-kind contribution in the form of a coordinated expenditure in violation of the Act. Accordingly on December 1, 2006, the Commission closed the file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

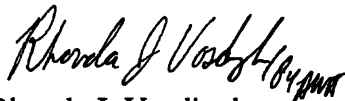
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The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

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